

REMARKS

The Examiner has required restriction of the claims as being directed to distinct inventions, comprising a product (Group I, claims 1-43) and a process for using the product (Group II, claims 44-56). Pursuant to the requirement for restriction, applicant hereby elects for further examination the invention construed by the Examiner to be set forth in Group II, claims 44-56, without traverse. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional patent application for non-elected claims 1-43.

In addition, to the election of claims 44-56 in the present application, applicant has also amended claims 51, 52 and 56, and added new claims 57-59. No new matter is believed to be introduced by these amendments. Claims 51 and 52 have been amended for the purpose of clarifying that the polycarbonate lens blank may be dried prior to applying the tie coating layer, as supported by the specification, including at paragraph [0068]. Claim 56 has been amended for the purpose of clarifying that the photochromic matrix layer is applied to the tie coated surface of the polycarbonate lens blank, as is readily apparent from the specification, including at paragraphs [0028], [0058], [0071] and [0080]. Claims 57-59 are essentially the same as claims 40-42 (now withdrawn).

CONCLUSION

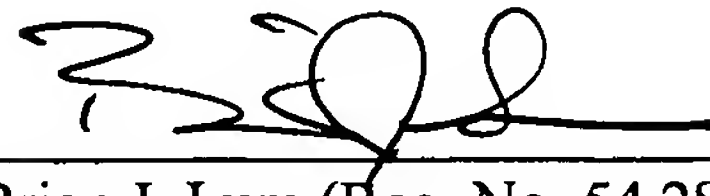
In view of the foregoing, applicant respectfully requests that claims 44-59 presently pending in this application be examined. Should the Examiner believe that a conversation with applicant's representative would be useful in the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call applicant's representative at the number listed below.

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